



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 1 – PREMIER AND FINANCE

## MEDIA RELEASE

# CANNABIS COMMITTEE TO HOLD FOURTH AND FIFTH PUBLIC HEARINGS

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**Tuesday 10 December 2024**

An Upper House committee continues its inquiry into the impact of the regulatory framework for cannabis in New South Wales with two further public hearings being held at Parliament House, Sydney, on Wednesday 11 December and Friday 13 December 2024.

At Wednesday's hearing, the committee will hear from key government bodies relevant to the inquiry, including the NSW Crime Commission and Transport for NSW, as well as academics from the Lambert Initiative and Dr Thomas Arkell from Swinburne University of Technology. On Friday, the committee will hear from NSW Health, the Australian Medicinal Cannabis Association and a cannabis activist.

Chair of the committee, the Hon Jeremy Buckingham MLC commented: 'This is the first time the committee will hear from NSW government agencies. We welcome the opportunity to examine them about the effectiveness of cannabis laws, and seek their views on alternative approaches to regulation.'

The Chair continued: 'The academics giving evidence are at the forefront of research on cannabinoid therapeutics and the impact of medicinal cannabis on driving. They will provide valuable insights to this inquiry as we look to improving cannabis regulation in New South Wales.'

The committee is due to table its final report in April 2025.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearings in-person or watch via the broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's [website](#).

More information about the inquiry can be found at the inquiry [webpage](#).

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